

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

3:10 p.m.

Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)

Representative Spade made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2005, supported by Representative Proos. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 4635 before the Committee.

HB 4635 Hansen Agriculture; fertilizer; sale of ammonium nitrate; regulate circumstances of its sale.

Representative Hansen spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4635.

Ron Zeldenrust, representing the Fremont Co-op Produce Company, spoke to the Committee in support of HB 4635.

Representative Ball made a motion to amend HB 4635, supported by Representative Sheltroun, as follows:

1. Amend page 3, following line 1, by inserting:

"(3) THE PAPER OR ELECTRONIC RECORDS GENERATED BY MEANS OF THE TRACKING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY RULE UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(B) ARE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246."

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (11/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Newell made a motion to amend HB 4635, supported by Representative Mayes, as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 6, after **"SELL"** by striking out the balance of the line through **"NITRATE"** on line 7 and inserting **"AMMONIUM NITRATE FERTILIZER"**.

2. Amend page 2, line 9, after “**SELL**” by striking out the balance of the line through “**NITRATE**” on line 10 and inserting “**AMMONIUM NITRATE FERTILIZER**”.

3. Amend page 2, line 16, after “**REGARDING**” by striking out “**FERTILIZER CONTAINING AMMONIUM NITRATE**” and inserting “**AMMONIUM NITRATE FERTILIZER**”.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (11/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association, spoke in support of HB 4635.

Brad Deacon, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), spoke in support of HB 4635.

Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card in support of HB 4635.

Representative Ball made a motion to report HB 4635 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Sheltroun.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (11/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

John Dilland and Elwood Kirkpatrick, representing the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA), spoke to the Committee regarding MMPA. Topics reviewed included the amount of milk marketed by MMPA annually, Michigan’s dairy industry and issues facing the Michigan dairy industry.

Questions and discussion followed.

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:07 p.m.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

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